IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

TEXARKANA DIVISION

EUGENE VAN STROMAN §

VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:10cv149

DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID §

MEMORANDUM OPINION REGARDING VENUE

Petitioner Eugene Van Stroman, an inmate confined in the Telford Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, proceeding *pro se*, filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus.

Discussion

In 2001, petitioner was convicted of possession of cocaine in the 185th District Court of Harris County, Texas. He was sentenced to 60 years imprisonment.

This petition is pending in the district in which the petitioner is currently confined. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d), a petitioner may bring a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the district in which he was convicted or the district in which he is incarcerated. Section 2241(d) further provides that a district court in the exercise of its discretion may

transfer the action to the other district in the furtherance of justice.

Petitioner was convicted in Harris County, Texas. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 124, Harris County is in the Houston Division of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. As all records and witnesses involving this action may be located in the Southern District, the transfer of this action to such district would further justice.

Accordingly, this case should be transferred to the Houston Division of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. A Transfer Order shall be entered in accordance with this Memorandum Opinion.

SIGNED this 8 day of September , 2010.

KEITH F. GIBLIN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE